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(57) Abstract: A composition comprises a sulphur free reaction product of: (a)(i) a hydrocarbyl substituted aromatic compound containing an acidic group selected from the group consisting of a carboxylic group, a hydroxyl group and mixtures thereof; and (a)(ii) an organic nitrogen-containing base reacted with the acidic group. The composition is obtained by a preparatory process and is useful in a method for lubricating an internal combustion engine to include where the lubricant has reduced levels of sulphur, phosphorus and sulphated ash.



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A lubricant composition comprising a sulphur-free reaction product of an organic N-containing base and a single or multiaromatic compound having both a hydroxy and a carboxylic acid group (claim 6: alternatives a(i)(1) and (3))

2. claims: 1-5,6(part),7(part),9-20,21(part),22

A lubricant composition comprising a sulphur-free reaction product of an organic N-containing base and a single or multiaromatic compound having both an amino and a carboxylic acid group (claim 6: alternatives a(i)(2) and (4))

3. claims: 1-5,6(part),9-20,22

A lubricant composition comprising a sulphur-free reaction product of an organic N-containing base and condensed phenol (claim 6: alternative a(i)(5))

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